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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 198866

1. IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED SEPT 2, JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR SALAH HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENT FOR WIFE OF GEN SADEQ SHAR', JORDANIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO UNDERGO MEDICAL TESTS AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL OR WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER BETWEEN OCT 5-10. AMBASSADOR SALAH INFORMED DEPTOFF (NEA/ARN) THAT GEN SHAR' HAD PERSONALLY REQUESTED HIM TO INTERCEDE WITH DEPT ON MRS. SHAR'S BEHALF.

2. SALAH BRUSHED ASIDE OUR SUGGESTION THAT MRS. SHAR' SEEK TREATMENT AT REPUTABLE CIVILIAN MEDICAL FACILITY IN NEW YORK (REFTEL) BY INSISTING THAT MILITARY MEDICAL CENTERS ARE "MORE DEPENDABLE". HE ADDED THAT IF SOME CIVILIAN FACILITY HAD BEEN DEEMED SUITABLE, GOJ WOULD NOT NEED USG ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MRS. SHAR'S APPOINTMENT.

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3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW EMBASSY'S
REACTION TO POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL -- INCLUDING, IN

PARTICULAR, AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S PERSONAL ASSESSMENT AS
TO WHETHER MRS. SHAR'S POSSIBLE TREATMENT AT A US MILITARY
MEDICAL FACILITY COULD BE JUSTIFIED AS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT
TO US FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST. ROBINSON

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